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NICKEL FOR THE GAS-PHASE FLUORINATION OF  
HALOGENATED HYDROCARBONS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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The following is submitted in connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed contemporaneously herewith.

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**STATUS**

Claims 8 and 11-24 are pending.

Claims 8 and 11-24 have been rejected.